

REYKJAVIK 27.08.09 – Nordic Bologna Cooperation MINUTES FROM THE MEETING

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ATTENDING:

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Agenda:

- Seminar for Icelandic institutions 28.08
- Plans for the project
 - o Seminars
 - o Newsletter

The seminar would gather about 30 persons from various institutions. The main presentation would be given by Janerik Lundquist, and there would be short presentations by each of the 5 countries. After lunch there would be open discussion based on questions by the participants. It was suggested to contact the participants by e-mail and ask for questions in advance. This proved successful, and the discussion was very fruitful.

The coming seminars:

As all countries will be in the midst of work with the Qualifications Frameworks, it was decided to stick to this topic for the first seminar. It was also decided not to fixate the topics for the remaining seminars, so as to be free to decide the most relevant topic of the actual period.

As for the structure of the seminars, it was decided that they should start in the afternoon with a seminar dinner, and then run for one whole day, instead of the suggested lunch-to-lunch structure. This would limit the time spent for the participants to one day (in most cases).

With regard to the seminar sites, these were changed to:

1. Oslo
2. Stockholm
3. Copenhagen

The meetings in conjunction with the seminars would also be slightly rearranged, so that less time was spent.

The seminars will consist mainly of presentations with some option for discussion, but without explicit workshops and discussion sessions. This was based on experience from similar events. The normal time frame will be 0900 -1600.

Promoting the seminars:

We will not produce a promotional leaflet in paper, but a “leaflet” to be distributed as attachment to an e-mail will be produced. Frank will produce a first template for this.

Bologna newsletter:

This was discussed at some length. The concerns were partly how this might “interfere” with the various national newsletters already existing, and the amount of work needed.

The main argument for having a separate newsletter in addition to the general ones already existing, was that a separate one would heighten the awareness of Bologna, while having just a reference in the ordinary newsletters runs the risk of “drowning” among other topics.

The newsletter will be physically located in a SIU web page, where there will also be an historical archive, accessible to all. The actual distribution will be subject to subscription, and the national newsletter will have a reference to this in most issues.

The newsletter will be issued bi-monthly, and will be in English, although the NAs may put in news about national activities and references to documents in national languages. The newsletter will be a common responsibility, but SIU will have the initiative.

Seminar on Qualifications Framework – 1st draft:

0900: Welcome and opening remarks

0915: Norwegian case Ministry of Ed&research

0945: Keynote 1: The big issue: Qualifications frameworks-why:
Historical and philosophical background) NN (Intl. “hotshot?)

1030: Discussion

1045: Coffee break

1115: Keynote 2: The essence of the frameworks – Learning
outcomes etc. Nordic perspectives? NN (Nordic Bol. Expert?)

1200: Discussion

1215: Lunch

1330: Keynote 3: Case study 1: NN (small institution.
Arts/teachers college. Denmark???)

1400: Discussion

1415: Keynote 4: Case study 2: NN (Large institution. One
of the main universities. Stockholm?)

1445: Discussion

1500: Keynote 5: Bologna from the outside. An American looks at
Europe? NN (Hotshot – to keep
people posted)

1545: Discussion and concluding remarks

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Comments:

- Everything above is subject to change, but I think it gives the framework (!) and some ideas for contents.
- I think it would be good to have someone sum up the presentations and the discussions, only briefly at the end, but in writing afterwards (\approx 2 pages)
- The presentations will of course be posted on the web page. Maybe we could also film the presenters, for the web page and not for online distribution? Do you think this would work or would it just be a lot of work? I am thinking mainly of plain filming, but if it could be presented together with the PP-presentations, that would be a good thing.
- If we shorten the presentations a little, we might also find room for someone from the EU Commission. This would at least heighten the status of the event. (possibly even the quality)

The seminar:

The seminar gathered around 30 participants from all Icelandic institutions (except one), which must be considered a very good result. The seminar started with a presentation by Janerik Lundquist on some aspects of the Bologna Process. This was followed by presentations by the various countries, and the presentations are presented on the web page of the project (except Denmark, which did not use Power Point).

The presentations were held by:

Iceland: (Oscar: Name please)

Denmark: Michael Huss Svejstrup/Johny Lauritsen

Norway: Svein Arild Pedersen

Finland: Outi Jappinen

Sweden: Anders Ahlstrand

After lunch there was a discussion session. This session took as its starting point questions that were sent in the day before. The discussion was very lively, and many participants took part in it, although it is difficult to sum it up in the sense that conclusions were reached. But it was clear that the challenges with regard to the Bologna Process are very similar in Iceland as in the other countries.